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/SUBJECT: KAUNDA VISIT - THREATENED CUBAN INTERVENTION

REF: LUSAKA 1522

1. CONCERN IS CRYSTALLIZING HERE THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA  
MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE MERE BRANDISH-  
ING OF THE CUBAN OPTION DURING HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED  
STATES COULD DAMAGE BOTH ZAMBIAN BILATERAL INTERESTS  
(ECONOMIC AID PROSPECTS, IN PARTICULAR) AND U.S. DOMESTIC  
SUPPORT FOR PRESENT POLICY TOWARD RHODESIA. WE THINK  
IT IS WORTH A SERIOUS EFFORT TO PERSUADE KAUNDA (THROUGH  
MARK CHONA, PERHAPS) THAT HE SHOULD SOFT-PEDAL THE CUBAN  
THREAT DURING HIS VISIT HERE, PARTICULARLY IN PUBLIC

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STATEMENTS.

2. IF IT SEEMS WORTH THE TRY, WE THINK YOU COULD DRAW  
ON THE GENERAL ARGUMENT ABOVE, MORE OR LESS AS FOLLOWS:

-- PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S RECENT COMMENTS ON THE POSSIBILITY  
THAT CUBAN FORCES MIGHT HAVE TO BE INVITED INTO THE  
RHODESIAN CONFLICT, WHILE AN UNDERSTANDABLE MANIFESTATION

OF HIS FRUSTRATION AND CONCERN WITH THE MILITARY SITUATION, COULD BOOMERANG IF REPEATED IN THE UNITED STATES, PARTICULARLY IN PUBLIC OR BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL AUDIENCES.

-- SUPPORTERS OF THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND OPPONENTS OF ZAMBIA'S SUPPORT FOR THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WOULD BE QUICK TO CRY "BLACKMAIL."

-- CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC BACKLASH COULD WELL ENDANGER WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO IN THE WAY OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR YOU AND YOUR OBJECTIVES.

-- ZAMBIA'S FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS, MANY OF WHOM WILL BE PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED WITH KAUNDA'S VISIT, COULD BE SERIOUSLY EMBARRASSED.

3. FYI: MURRAY MARDER JUST CALLED ME ABOUT THE RECENT COLIN LEGUM/DAVID MARTIN (ODD COUPLE) BYLINE STORY CITING A ZAMBIAN "PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR" (GUESS WHO) AS SAYING KAUNDA WOULD CALL THE CUBANS. I TOLD HIM THIS WAS JUST CHONA "CARRYING ON" AND MARDER SAID HE WOULD SIT ON IT, UNLESS OF COURSE KAUNDA SAID IT PUBLICLY, IN WHICH CASE "IT WOULD BE BIG NEWS."

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